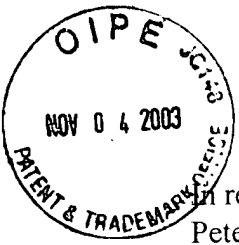


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Dear Sir:

This responds to a final office action mailed on October 6, 2003 (Paper No. 13), for the above-captioned application. This response is within two months of the mailing and a Petition for Extension of Time plus requisite fee is believed not required.

Amendment, reconsideration of rejected claims, and allowance of those rejected claims are requested.